

party of funds that were blocked by banking institutions subject to the jurisdiction of the United States pursuant to this part because of an interest of North Korea or a national thereof and that came into the banking institution's possession or control by wire transfer or check remittance, provided that no funds are released to the Government of North Korea, any entity controlled by the Government of North Korea, or any person located in, controlled from, or organized under the laws of North Korea.

[59 FR 26602, May 23, 1994, as amended at 60 FR 8935, Feb. 16, 1995]

§ 500.580 Authorization of U.S. dollar clearing transactions involving North Korea.

Banking institutions organized under the laws of or located in the United States are authorized to process the transfer of funds in which North Korea or a national thereof has an interest. Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction who are originators or ultimate beneficiaries of funds transfers, however, including U.S. banking institutions that are themselves originators or beneficiaries, may not initiate or receive such transfers if the underlying transactions to which they relate are prohibited pursuant to this part.

[60 FR 8935, Feb. 16, 1995]

§ 500.581 Financial transactions related to diplomatic missions authorized.

All financial transactions related to activities of North Korean diplomatic missions in the United States and U.S. diplomatic missions in North Korea are authorized, with the exception of transactions involving the North Korean mission to the United Nations in New York, which are subject to approval by specific license.

[60 FR 8935, Feb. 16, 1995]

§ 500.582 Importation of North Korean-origin magnesite and magnesite.

Specific licenses may be issued authorizing the importation into the United States of North Korean-origin magnesite or magnesite.

[60 FR 8935, Feb. 16, 1995]

§ 500.583 News organization offices.

(a) Specific licenses may be issued authorizing all transactions necessary for the establishment and operation of news bureaus in North Korea by U.S. organizations whose primary purpose is the gathering and dissemination of news to the general public.

(b) Transactions that will be authorized include but are not limited to those incident to the following:

(1) Leasing office space and securing related goods and services;

(2) Hiring North Korean nationals to serve as support staff;

(3) Purchasing North Korean-origin goods for use in the operation of the office; and

(4) Paying fees related to the operation of the office in North Korea.

(c) Specific licenses may be issued authorizing transactions necessary for the establishment and operation of news bureaus in the United States by North Korean organizations whose primary purpose is the gathering and dissemination of news to the general public.

(d) The number assigned to a specific license issued pursuant to this section should be referenced in all import documents, and in all funds transfers and other banking transactions through banking institutions organized or located in the United States, in connection with the licensed transactions to avoid the blocking of goods imported from North Korea and the interruption of the financial transactions with North Korea.

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§ 500.584 Energy sector projects in North Korea.

Specific licenses may be issued to permit persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to participate in certain energy sector projects in North Korea in connection with that country's transition to light-water reactor ("LWR") power plants. Transactions that may be licensed include those related to LWR power plant design, site preparation, excavation, delivery of essential non-nuclear components including turbines and generators, building construction, the disposition of spent nuclear fuel, and the provision of heavy oil to North